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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Following the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl  
3 Harbor, brothers Robert, Richard, and Ronald Jung of Freeburg  
4 enlisted in the United States Armed Forces to serve in World  
5 War II; and

6           WHEREAS, Ronald Jung served as an aerial gunner on a B-24  
7 bomber; Richard Jung served as a Navy sailor and crewed an  
8 amphibious landing craft stationed in New Guinea; Robert Jung  
9 served in the Navy as a PT-boat gunner in France; and

10           WHEREAS, Following World War II, the brothers returned to  
11 Freeburg to start their families, and all three Jung brothers  
12 have grown old together, with Robert, 94 on June 6, 2016,  
13 Richard, 91 on May 7, 2016, and Ronald, 90 on April 25, 2016;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, The Jung brothers remain deeply mindful of their  
16 wartime memories and the pride they feel at taking part in  
17 something historic and epic; and

18           WHEREAS, As of 2016, it is estimated that fewer than  
19 750,000 World War II veterans are still alive, and that number  
20 decreases with the passing of nearly 500 every day; and

1           WHEREAS, According to the National World War II Museum in  
2 New Orleans, Louisiana, it is estimated that by 2036, there  
3 will be no surviving veterans of World War II to recount their  
4 experiences; and

5           WHEREAS, The Jung brothers hope that the United States  
6 continues to learn from the lessons of World War II, with  
7 Richard Jung noting, "People don't talk about war anymore" and  
8 that there should be a "hell of a good reason for us to go back  
9 to war"; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 offer Robert, Richard, and Ronald Jung our heartfelt thanks for  
13 their service to our country and dedication to their community  
14 and family; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That we honor all World War II veterans and  
16 members of the Greatest Generation, whose sacrifices helped  
17 shape our nation; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
19 presented to Robert, Richard, and Ronald Jung as an expression  
20 of our esteem and respect.